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1. In August it was planned to begin the production of Nitropenta, a highly explosive material, at the VEB Sprengstoffwerk, located at Gnaschwitz near Bautzen. The blueprints for the construction of this installation are being drawn by the Central Construction Office in Berlin.
2. This explosive Nitropenta will be used as:
 - a) filling for capsules (detonators);
 - b) self-destroying shot for armor-piercing shells; and
 - c) in conjunction with nitrocellulose as the propellant charge for shells with a high muzzle velocity.
3. Also, construction of the installation for the manufacture of trinitrotoluol at Schoenebeck is being resumed. This construction was halted after 17 June 1953. The total cost of this construction amounts to approximately 18,000,000 DME.

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